



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Siegfried RUTHARDT et al  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

Supplemental to the amendment of April 2, 2004, which was filed in response to the Final Rejection of January 9, 2004, and to place the application in condition for allowance in accordance with the interview dated May 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments:** begin on page 12 of this paper.